

# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

September 19, 2005

Ken Lee Building Conference Room  
430 'F' Street

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by Chair Doug Reid at 6:03 p.m.

## ROLL CALL/MOTION TO EXCUSE

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Doug Reid, Vice-Chair Tracy Means, Commissioners Teresa Thomas and Stanley Jasek

**STAFF PRESENT:** Marilyn Pongeggi, Environmental Review Coordinator  
Lynnette Tessitore-Lopez, Associate Planner  
Linda Bond, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** August 1 and 29, 2005

### August 1, 2005 Minutes

A question had previously come up regarding how minutes were to be acted on when members of the Commission who attended the meeting were no longer members of the Commission and therefore there was not a quorum to act on the minutes. Ms. Marilyn Pongeggi (*Environmental Review Coordinator*) discussed this with the City Attorney who advised that in such circumstances the Commissioners that were present at the meeting (Thomas and Means) and have read the minutes can make a statement that the minutes are accurate, and then the rest of the Commissioners can vote to file the minutes.

Commissioner Thomas and Vice-Chair Means stated that the minutes were accurate.

**MSC** (Means/Thomas) to approve filing the August 1, 2005 minutes. **Vote:** (4-0)

### August 29, 2005 Minutes

Commissioner Thomas requested that the following sentence be inserted on page 2 before Mr. Craig Keys' statement: "Commissioner Thomas stated that it would have been more informative to do the noise study during the evening and early morning hours in order to determine the impact due to the project vs. that due to the nearby road traffic."

**MSC** (Thomas/Reid) to include that statement as part of the minutes. **Vote:** (4-0)

**MSC** (Jasek/Thomas) to approve the August 29, 2005 minutes as amended. **Vote:** (4-0)

## ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Pamela Bensoussan (*former RCC member*) stated that it had been a pleasure to serve several years on the Commission.

Mr. Juan Diaz (*former RCC member*) spoke favorably about his experience on the RCC.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Historic Designation, 470 "E" Street (*Horace Nelson House*)

Ms. Lynnette Tessitore-Lopez (*Associate Planner*) presented the staff report.

#### Commission Comments

Vice-Chair Means asked what were the benefits to the City for a designation? **Ms. Tessitore-Lopez** responded that preserving historic resources helps to preserve elements from the past, and preservation helps with tourism, industry and economic benefits.

**MSC** (Thomas/Means) that the property at 470 "E" Street receive historic designation. **Vote:** (4-0)

## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COORDINATOR COMMENTS

Ms. Pongeggi presented Commissioner Thomas, former RCC members Bensoussan and Diaz with plaques in appreciation for their service on the Commission.

Ms. Bensoussan introduced Ms. Georgie Stillman who is scheduled to be sworn in as a new RCC member by the City Council Tuesday night. She is very involved in historic preservation and will be a great addition to the Commission. **Ms. Stillman** stated that she is looking forward to being on the Commission.

Ms. Pongeggi announced that the Beautification Awards Banquet date of October 20<sup>th</sup> has been changed, and she will advise the Commissioners when she finds out what the new date is.

## CHAIR COMMENTS

Chair Reid asked about getting items from the CEQA conference. **Ms. Pongeggi** stated that the information will be ordered after the workshop.

Chair Reid thanked Commission Thomas for serving on the Commission and providing a detailed review of some items that have come before them.

## COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Means and Commissioner Jasek stated that it had been a pleasure working with Commissioner Thomas and former Commissioners Bensoussan and Diaz.

Commissioner Thomas displayed a second certificate from the owners of the El Primero Hotel to the Resource Conservation Commission. One had been placed in the Lee Building lobby, and the second one was given to Ms. Bensoussan who agreed to be custodian of the certificate until such time a place in the Public Services Building can be found for it.

Ms. Bensoussan praised Ms. Tessitore-Lopez for her work on the City's historic preservation program.

Commissioner Jasek announced that, in conjunction with My Cup of Tea, the El Primero Hotel is doing a Titanic tea party that is limited to 20 people with reduced rates for staying in the hotel that night. There will be a \$5 ticket discount for those who come in period dress. Tickets and information can be picked up at My Cup of Tea.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Reid adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m. to a regular meeting on Monday, October 3, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. in the Ken Lee Building Conference Room, 430 "F" Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910.

Prepared by:

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Linda Bond  
Recording Secretary

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